also provided that the entire' quantity released for free sale against the monthly release order should be despatched fia full within the period specified therein and that the particulars of sale and despatch should also be intimated by the sugar tactories to the concerned Stale Governments.

For the violations committed by the sugar factories by lapsing quantities against free sale release order issued for June, 1979 prosecutions were initially launched on a selective basis against major defaul ters through the Central Bureau of Investigation in 1980. One of the sugar factories filed a petition in the Bombay High Court challenging the issuance of process by the Court of Judicial Magis trate. In view of the Bombay High, Court judgement dated 16-11-1981 given in this case on criminal application No. 1472 of 1980, the prosecutions against the factories committing violations of the provisions of the order dated 9th May, 1980 could not be launched. Special Leave Petition against the said judge ment of Bombay High Court has already been filed in the Supreme Court and the matter is *subjudice.*

(c) Doe$_s$ not arise.

Implementation of sugar policy for 1985-86 Season

1156. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugar policy for 1985-86 season announced in November, 1985 was changed to 55:45 from the earlier ratio of 65:35;

(b) whether this ratio has been faithfully implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that in actual practice the ratio of levy sugar release to free sale-sugar has been lower than the stipulated 65 pe$_r$ cent;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Gov-ernment to fully implement the new sugar policy of 1985-86?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRL AJIT PANJA); (a) Yes, Sir.

.(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The percentage of levy sugar as applicable to the production during the . 1985-86 season is 55 and not 65. The prescribed ratio is ensured with reference to the .release out of the total production during the season. This cannot be ensured on month to month basis as the quantum of monthly *b-cc* sale quota de-pends on the sugar _production trends, availability, demand, price trends, etc.

(e)In view of the above, question does not arise.

Irregularities committed by certain firms of Bombay

1157. SHRI M. S. GLRUPAD-SWAMY-

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that some companies belonging to one family viz. M|s. Steel Industries of India; Mis. Sai Overseas Imports and Exports and R. L. Metal Corporation have cheated Government in the matter of payment of customs • duty;

(b) whether a complaint wa$_s$ filed with the Deputy Collector of Customs, Special Investigation and Information Branch, - Bombay j$_n$ this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (u) and (b) No complaint regarding cheating or evasion of duty has recently been, filed with Deputy Collector of Customs, Special Investigation and Intelligence Branch, Bombay against any of thes$_e$ three firms.

(c) In view of (a) and (b), doe^ not arise.

Tea Trading Corporation of India

1158. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be plea to state:

(a) whether]t is a fact that public sector trading in tea is now being operated through variou$_s$ agencies like Andrew Yule, Balmer Lawrie and even the State Trading Corporation, despite the fact that th$_e$ Tea Trading Corporation of India was formed solely for the purpose of operating trade in tea;

(b) whether Government propose to channelise the entire tea trade through the Tea Trading Corporation; and

(c) whether the State Trading Corpo ration has the requisite expertise in doing the tea and also registered in any of the auction centres as a tea trader, if not, what are the reasons for allowing the Corporation to trade in tea in competition with its own subsidiary, the Tea Trading Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The major part of the tea trade i$_s$ in the private sector. In addition to Tea Trading Corporation of India other Central Public for Undertakings like Balmer Lawrie. Andrew Yule a s als$_0$ State Public Sector corporations are involved in tea.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The State Trade Corporation ot India make$_s$ use of its marketing strength, expertise and foreign offices to obtain export orders for various products, including tea, which executes with the help of associates. Tea exports are handled by its Tea- Division and its exports in the past have been comparable to Tea Trad ing Corporation of India. With the conversion of TTCT into a subsidiary ot STC, tea operations of both the companies are in the process of being rationalised.

फाइबर प्रोसेसर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड फरीदाबाद, हरियाणा

1159. **श्री सोहनलाल धूलिया** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फाइबर प्रोसेसर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड कम्पनी फरीदाबाद (हरियाणा) कब से तथा किन कारणों से बंद पड़ी है ;

(ख) इसमें कितने श्रमिक कार्य करते थे; और

(ग) सरकार ने उक्त मिल को फिर से चलाने तथा बेरोजगारी दूर करने के विचार से भूतपूर्व कर्मचारियों को पुनः नियोजित करने के लिये अब तक क्या प्रयत्न किये हैं?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.ए. संगमा) : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित सूचना हरियाणा सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे यथा-समय सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

Refinancing of soft drink plants by Industrial Development Bank of India

1160. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MO-HAPATRA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India is re-financing soft drink plants at present;

(b) if so, what i$_s$ the number of such applications cleared by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in 1985-86, giving details of locations of such plants and the financial involvement of IDBI in each case;

(c) whether any such proposals for re-finance are pending with the IDBI; and

(d) if so, what ar$_e$ the details i$_n$ this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJART): (a) Industrial Develoment Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that new projects for manufacture of soft drinks are *discomraged* in view of their low priority.

(b) According to provisional information furnished b ih$_e$ IDBI. 8 manufacturing units of soft drinks were sanctioned refinancing assistance to *be tune of Rs.